

Law Student Opportunities

Criminal Law Division

Correctional Writs & Appeals Section

Los Angeles



One of the sections within the Division of Criminal Law is the Correctional Writs & Appeals Section (CWA). CWA represents the State in habeas corpus petitions where state prisoners challenge the conditions of their confinement or attack parole proceedings. Specifically, Deputy Attorneys General in the CWA Section represent three client agencies and their employees: the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, the Board of Parole Hearings, and the California Youth Authority.

CWA attorneys represent wardens of state prisons, the Board of Parole Hearings and the Governor of the State of California in habeas corpus proceedings where the inmate or parolee's sentence and/or conviction are not at issue. Rather, the inmate has attacked some aspect or condition of confinement, a prison disciplinary proceeding, or some component of the parole revocation proceedings or the denial of parole if a life inmate.

Ongoing law clerk positions are available within the Correctional Writs & Appeals Section of the Attorney General's Office in Los Angeles for the Fall, Spring and Summer. Law clerks typically work with Deputy Attorneys General on research, writing and fact investigation in preparation of returns to petitions for writs of habeas corpus. While clerking, students are given the opportunity to participate in a wide range of activities including attending evidentiary hearings. Students are also typically able to visit at least one state prison. Some former law clerks have eventually been hired to permanent positions within the Office of the Attorney General.

Our Los Angeles Branch is located in the Ronald Reagan State building in downtown Los Angeles. CWA clerks must work a minimum of 18 hours per week and the positions are generally unpaid; however, students may obtain school credit for their work.

How to Apply:

Please send a resume and writing sample (transcript is also desirable) to:

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